The ICONoclast, Vol. 1, No. 3 (Summer 1989): “Tim Wilcox: Nudist, Naturist, Convicted Child Molester”

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What This Issue Is

The Summer 1989 issue of The ICONoclast, published by N.O.P.E. (Naturists and Nudists Opposing Pornographic Exploitation), documents the case of Timothy Virden Wilcox: a nudist photographer, twice honored by the American Sunbathing Association (“Man of the Year,” 1987; “Photograph of the Year,” 1987), and a twice-convicted child molester whose access to nudist children spanned more than a decade before nudist and naturist leadership took any action against him.

The issue is built from named sources: Oakland Vice Officer Bill Grijalva, a KCBS-TV Los Angeles legal segment, court records, and Wilcox’s own letters to other men — seized by police and reproduced in the issue — describing his abuse of specific, named children in his own words.

What It Documents

The issue lays out what it calls “the web of complicity”: how Sequoians Family Nudist Club, its vice president Louise Flanagan, and the Western Sunbathing Association all knew of Wilcox’s prior convictions by 1986 and continued to credential, publish, and honor him regardless — including naming him “Man of the Year” the year after his prior convictions were known internally.

A chart, credited to Bill Dworin (Investigating Officer, Los Angeles County Sexually Abused Children’s Unit) and submitted to a Senate Subcommittee investigating child pornography and pedophilia, maps a network of nudist and naturist men convicted of child molestation, prostitution, or pornography, cross-referencing their victims by first name and age.

The issue includes a brief phone exchange between Craft and attorney Lawrence Stanley, in which Stanley, asked whether the Wilcox convicted of “sex” meant sex with a minor, called it “basically—just having sex.” The issue states plainly that this framing “stands as a powerful testimony” to what Stanley’s own motives for minimizing child sexual abuse were understood to be.

Why This Belongs in the Archive

This issue is one of the sources establishing the pattern documented at length elsewhere in this project (see UD-3, UD-6, UD-7): named institutions that knew of a credible threat to children and chose reputation management over child protection, and an attorney — Stanley — whose public minimization of child sexual abuse is corroborated here independently of anything he said directly to Craft in later years.

It also stands as direct evidence against Lawrence Stanley’s characterization of The ICONoclast as “pornography” (see UD-7). The content here is documentary: police sourcing, an official investigator’s chart submitted to a Senate subcommittee, and a convicted man’s own letters used as evidence of the crimes described in them — not depictions offered for their own sake.

Notes on Sourcing

Primary source, reproduced in full: The ICONoclast, Vol. 1, No. 3, Summer 1989, N.O.P.E. Contents include named police sourcing (Officer Bill Grijalva), a KCBS-TV Los Angeles transcript (April 21, 1989), and a chart submitted to a U.S. Senate Subcommittee investigation, credited to Investigating Officer Bill Dworin.

This companion article restates and contextualizes the primary source; it does not add new factual claims beyond what the issue itself documents.

Companion documents, family tag UD: UD-3 (Lawrence Stanley/Uncommon Desires); UD-6 (The Nudist/Naturist Hall of Shame); UD-7 (Stanley's photograph/dearth piece, which this issue is cited in as a source); UD-8, this document; UD-9 (The ICONoclast, Vol. 3, No. 1, companion issue).

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